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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009085, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on December 22, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-85349, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-150032, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 60-213318, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-10235, together with an English language abstract of the same.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,342,276;

U.S. Patent No. 5,451,195;

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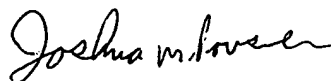
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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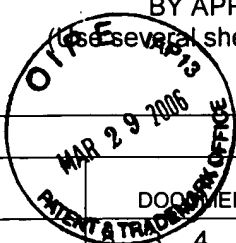
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1	English Language Abstract of JP 9-085349.
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